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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding office action of March 27, 2006, the Applicants submit the following:

Amendments to the **Drawings** are not being made by this paper.

Amendments to the **Specification** are not being made by this paper.

Amendments to the **Claims** are not being made by this paper, however a complete list of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.